



The Token Hunter

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President's Message



Hello everyone and Happy New Year! I am excited for the NUTS Club to begin 2012 and am looking forward to another great year of sharing, camaraderie, and great finds. I can't begin to express how honored I feel to be associated with such a great group of people. As always, I'd like to remind everyone this is your club and it is your involvement that makes it so successful. Please continue to participate by submitting articles of interest for the newsletter, volunteering at club events, recruiting new members, and promoting the code of ethics. At our January 26th meeting, Wilf Blum, of Deep Blue Marine will be giving a presentation and update on their successful treasure recovery operations in the Dominican Republic. As a reminder, January is membership renewal time; Club Secretary, Kathy Staker will be receiving dues and membership forms. I hope the year to come brings you all the best!

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Mr. & Mrs. Claus



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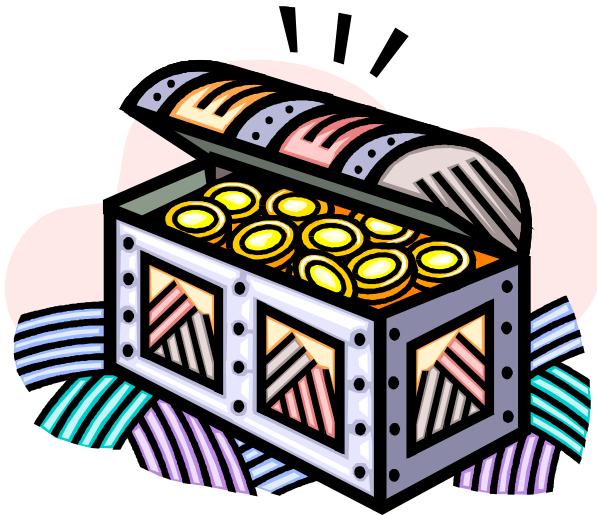
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Don't forget about the drawing we will have lots of great prizes including coins, tokens and GOLD!!!!



The History Of Spring Canyon/Storrs

Spring canyon, also called Storrs, is a ghost town in Carbon County, UTAH. In 1912 Jesse Knight purchased 1,600 acres of coal land and began developing a mine and company town. Knight named the town Starrs, after the mine superintendent. The name was changed to Spring Canyon in 1924. 1,000 tons of coal per day was mined from 1924 to 1943, and during WWII. Coal production peaked to 2,000 tons per day. By 1946, the need for coal diminished, and people began to leave. By 1969, Spring Canyon was Abandoned.

The Spring Canyon Coal Company constructed sixty homes. In 1913 Knight constructed a railroad to connect with the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad line in Helper. Knight was a Mormon, he banned saloons and gambling houses from being constructed in town. In 1914, a schoolhouse and church were constructed for the towns people, who were mostly members of the Mormon Church. By 1924 Storrs had 1,000 residents, a hotel, a steam heated pool, and well-constructed houses, offices, and stores. At this time George Storrs was charged with mail fraud, and the town name was changed to Spring Canyon. In 1940, the Spring Canyon Mine was ranked as the fourth largest coal mine in Utah. By 1946, the mine had transported eleven million tons of coal, and by 1948, the Spring Canyon Coal Company was also operating the Mines in Standardville and Royal. However, the need for coal began to diminish, and by 1954, only a small group of miners remained in Spring Canyon. The mine closed in 1969, and by the end of the year Spring Canyon was abandoned. When the mine first closed and the town's residents relocated, few buildings were removed. The Spring Canyon Hotel, most of the homes, and the mine offices were left. However, in 1975, everything was demolished by bulldozers. The railroad trestle is the only remnant of the former town.

This sounds like a good place to bring the metal detectors and spend the day finding treasures.

Miscellaneous club news

Next Club Meeting

January 26 2012

Columbus Community Center

2531 So. 400 E. SLC.

It is time for membership renewals. Please see
Kathy Staker for dues and renewals.

Thank You!

We will be swearing club officers in at this months meeting.

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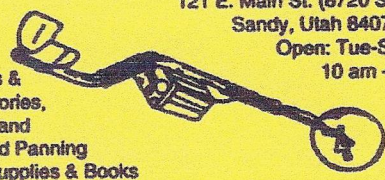
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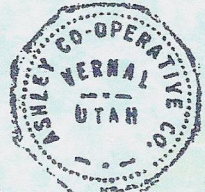
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